



Neal S. Tostenson

December 28, 1934 - February 11, 2014

Neal S. Tostenson, age 79 of Cambridge, OH passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center. He was born December 28, 1934 in Lima, OH to the late Bernhardt A. and Irma Martin Tostenson.

Neal, a practicing attorney who was known for leadership on local, state and national levels with the bituminous coal industry, was named "Coal Man of the Year" in 1977. He graduated from; Cambridge High School in 1952, from the Ohio State University in 1956, and from the OSU Law School in 1958. He passed the bar the same year. In 1973 he was certified as an attorney for district courts. Neal became associated with The National Coal Association, his affiliation often taking him many places, including Washington D.C. He was given a Distinguished Service Award for 25 years to the industry. He also worked with the National Regulatory Assistance Program and with the state and national Environmental Protection Agency. In 1974, he was named executive vice president of the Ohio Mining and Reclamation Association, and in 1979, named president. He worked closely with and developed deep friendships with many state politicians, including Gov. James Rhodes, house speaker Vern Riffe and state senator Harry Meshel. Through his work on behalf of coal operators and miners, he developed a close relationship with George Nicolozakes of Marietta Coal Co. and Bill and Stanley Nicolozakes of Nicolozakes Trucking. Neal was inducted into the Guernsey County Hall of Fame in 2003. Despite a rigorous work schedule, on behalf of the coal

industry in Ohio, he was still able to maintain a local law practice. He was also a member of Sons of Norway, Columbus Chapter. Served on the board of The Golden Rule School in Cambridge.

Along with his parents Neal is preceded in death by his wife Beverly A. Tostenson whom he married August 28, 1956, one sister, Betty Nelson and one brother, Don Tostenson.

Survived by two daughters, Ann (Randy) Lawrence of Cambridge, OH and Amy (Jeff) Booth of Reynoldsburg, OH; two sons, Kurt B. Tostenson of Cambridge, OH and Neal H. (Debbie Beros) Tostenson of Cambridge, OH. Two grandsons, Ben (Denise) Lawrence and Jeffrey Booth. One great Grandson, Anthony Joseph Lawrence. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Friday from 3 to 7 pm at Bundy-Law Funeral Home where the funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday. Rev. Max Beery will officiate the service with burial following in Northwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 641 Steubenville Ave., Cambridge, OH 43725.

An online guest book may be signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
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Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ I am sorry to learn of Neal's passing. During my 14 years in the Ohio House, he was the go to guy on coal issues and I was privileged to benefit from his wisdom and experience. My thoughts and prayers are extended to his family.
Jerry Krupinski, Steubenville

Jerry Krupinski - February 17, 2014 at 03:42 PM

DG

“ Neal hired me as his secretary back in 1967. I worked for him at Sheppard & Agnew Law Offices for a year then left when I was married. After that, when his new secretary would be out, he would call me in to work. He was a good man. All my sympathy to his family.

Debbie (Bates) Gaton

Debbie (Bates) Gaton - February 14, 2014 at 06:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Neal S. Tostenson.



February 14, 2014 at 05:42 AM

BM

“ Ann and family please accept my sympathy in the passing of your dad. You will be in my prayers. *Barbara Matello*

Barbara Matello - February 13, 2014 at 09:02 PM



“ *Having had the chance to work with him 30+ years ago when I was quite new as a court reporter, I've always remembered him for the kindness he showed me. I'm very glad to have known him. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Sally Bennett - February 13, 2014 at 08:22 PM

CB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Ann. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Coleen Cummings Bistor*

Coleen Bistor - February 13, 2014 at 07:31 PM

RC

“ *Sorry to hear about Neal's passing. Worked on a lot of issues with him during my time in the legislature. Even though we weren't always on the same side, he always treated me with kindness and respect. He was very knowledgeable and fun to be around. Sorry for your loss. Rep. Jack Cera*

Rep. Jack Cera - February 13, 2014 at 06:31 PM

BD

“ *"so sorry for your loss kurt,,we are thinking about you in this sad time,,,*

Bruce Durant - February 13, 2014 at 01:35 PM

JA

“ *John, Ashley, Ian, Colin, Nick & Angelah purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Neal S. Tostenson.*



John, Ashley, Ian, Colin, Nick & Angelah - February 13, 2014
at 12:24 PM

VS

“ *as a young staffer in the Ohio House Neal was my first acquaintance with a lobbyist. after more than 30 years as a lobbyist myself he was a true role model to follow. expert in his field and admired and respected by many. my sincere condolences to his family.*
vince squillace

vince squillace - February 13, 2014 at 10:44 AM

KP

“ *Amy and family, my deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time. I will hold all of you close in my heart and pray that god will give you strength to help you through this sad time. I hope precious memories of your Dad will help you heal and give you comfort. God Bless you all.*
Kathy Petroski (Amy's friend and co-worker)

Kathy Petroski - February 13, 2014 at 08:12 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Neal S. Tostenson.*



February 13, 2014 at 07:30 AM